

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Thornala Village, In-charge, Irkode Village of Siddipet Mandal, Medak District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 09-06-2009 - Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 197**

**Dated:10-03-2010.**

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**ORDER:**

**1.** Whereas, Sri G.Hanumantha Rao worked as Village Revenue Officer, Thornala Village, In-charge, Irkode Village of Siddipet Mandal, Medak District from 08-02-2007 to 09-06-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

**2.** And whereas, Sri Cherlapally Srinivasa Reddy, S/o. Sri Venkat Reddy, Occupation: RTC Driver, is a resident of H.No.17-160, Srinanagar Colony, Siddipet, Medak District. His wife Smt.Shobha Rani inherited the Agriculture land to an extent of 3.15 Acres in Sy.Nos.38/AA, 917/2A, 918/A, 931 and 981/A situated in the outskirts of Irkode Village, Siddipet Mandal, Medak District from her mother Smt.D.Laxmi, W/o. Sri Narayana Reddy. Further, her sisters Smt.Chilukota Andamma, W/o. Sri Babu Reddy; and Smt.M.Vijaya, W/o. Sri Madhava Reddy also inherited equal share of land in the said Survey Nos. from their mother. On the basis of the proceedings of the Mandal Revenue Officer, Siddipet during the year 2005, the Pass Books and Title Deeds were issued to all of them which possess the signatures of Mandal Revenue Officer and Village Revenue Officer except Revenue Divisional Officer. When Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy approached Bank Officials for agricultural loan on the lands of his wife, they insisted for the copies of Pahani for the current year and update Title Deeds. About 10 days prior to the complaint, he approached the Village Revenue Officer, Irkode Village and requested to issue the copy of current year Pahani for the lands of his wife and also to take the signature of Revenue Divisional Officer, Siddipet on the Title Deeds of his wife and her sisters. Upon which, Sri G.Hanumantha Rao stated that application was not required, but if the original Title Deed Books along with the copy of proceeding issued by the Mandal Revenue Officer were given, he would obtain signatures of Revenue Divisional Officer on Title Deeds and also issue copy of Pahani. Accordingly, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy handed over the original Title Deeds of his wife and her sisters along with the copy of proceedings issued by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Siddipet to Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer and requested to complete his work and asked him to come after 3 days. Accordingly, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy went and met Sri G.Hanumantha Rao after 3 days, but the Village Revenue Officer did not complete his work. From that day onwards, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy met the Village Revenue Officer every day, but the Village Revenue Officer, Sri G.Hanumantha Rao sent back him on one or other pretext. On 06-06-2009, when Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy approached Village Revenue Officer Sri G.Hanumantha Rao and asked about the issue of copy of current year pahani of the lands of his wife and to take the signatures of Revenue Divisional Officer on the Title Deeds of his wife and her sisters, the Village Revenue Officer Sri G.Hanumantha Rao demanded Rs.3,000/- as bribe, to do the said work and informed that if the said amount is paid as bribe, he will issue the copy of pahani and take the signature of Revenue Divisional Officer on the Title Deeds, otherwise he will not attend the work. When Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy expressed his inability to pay such huge amount as bribe, the Village Revenue Officer Sri G.Hanumantha Rao scaled down his demand to Rs.2,500/- and instructed him to come with said amount to his house at Siddipet on 09-06-2009, otherwise he will not do his work. As there was no other go, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy agreed to pay such demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- to Village Revenue Officer and returned. On the same day, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy

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informed his wife and her sisters about the demand of bribe by the Village Revenue Officer, Sri G.Hanumantha Rao for issuing the copy of current year pahani and to take the signatures of Revenue Divisional Officer on Title Deeds. They were not willing to pay such bribe to the Village Revenue Officer Sri G.Hanumantha Rao and instructed him to approach the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials and lodge complaint against Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer;

**3.** And whereas, Sri Ch.Srinivas Reddy lodged the complaint with Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range on 07-06-2009 against Sri G.Hanumantha Rao. After verifying the facts of the complaint as well as general reputation of Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range registered the complaint of Sri Cherlapally Srinivas Reddy as a case in Cr.No.16/ACB-NZB/2009 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) on 09-06-2009 at 04:00 hours and investigated into;

**4.** And whereas, on 09-06-2009 i.e., on the date of trap, Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer at Siddipet Mandal Headquarters of Medak District was trapped when he demanded and accepted the tainted currency of Rs.2,500/- from Sri Cherlapally Srinivas Reddy as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration. The Phenolphthalein test conducted over both the hand fingers of Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer yielded positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.2,500/- was recovered at the instance of Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer from the corner of wooden sofa underneath news paper. The contact portion on the corner of wooden table which came into contact with the tainted currency, when subjected to Phenolphthalein test with the help of cotton swab also yielded positive result;

**5.** And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Thornala Village, in-charge, Irkode Village of Siddipet Mandal, Medak District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

**6.** And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri G.Hanumantha Rao from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Mediator's Reports-I and II, final report and the gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents placed before them in respect of the aforesaid allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Thornala Village, in-charge, Irkode Village, Siddipet Mandal, Medak District should be prosecuted in a Court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

**7.** Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri G.Hanumantha Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Thornala Village, in-charge, Irkode Village of Siddipet Mandal, Medak District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts, and for taking cognizance of the said acts, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ASUTOSH MISHRA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director General,  
Anti-Corruption Bureau,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//Forwarded By Order//

Section Officer